

# 66 Getting things done

Sometimes you might want to talk about other people doing things for you, rather than doing things yourself. To do this, you need to use different grammar.

⚙️ **New language** "Have / get something done"

Aa **Vocabulary** Services and repairs

🧑 **New skill** Describing things people do for you

## 66.1 KEY LANGUAGE "HAVE / GET SOMETHING DONE"

Use "have" or "get" with a noun and the past participle to talk about something someone else does for you or to you. "Get" is less formal than "have."

Did you **get your computer updated**?

[Did somebody update your computer for you?]



Yes, the company **has the computers updated** regularly.

[Yes, somebody regularly updates them for the company.]



## 66.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES "HAVE / GET SOMETHING DONE"

Use the structure with "should" to give advice.

You **should get your connection checked**.

[I think you should arrange for somebody to check your connection.]

They **haven't had the locks changed** yet.

[They haven't arranged for somebody to change the locks for them.]

Will you **get the oven fixed** soon?

[Will somebody fix the oven for you soon?]

The store **has its produce checked** daily.

[Somebody checks the store's produce each day.]



## 66.3 HOW TO FORM "HAVE / GET SOMETHING DONE"

You change the form of "have" or "get" to use different tenses in the simple and continuous forms.

SUBJECT

"HAVE / GET"

OBJECT

PAST PARTICIPLE

The company

**has  
is having  
had**

**the computers**

**updated.**

Alter these verbs to change tense.

The action happens to the object.



## 66.4 MARK THE SENTENCES THAT DESCRIBE THE PICTURES



Jane is repairing her car.  
Jane is getting her car repaired.

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Ahmed has been fixing his oven.  
Ahmed is getting his oven fixed.

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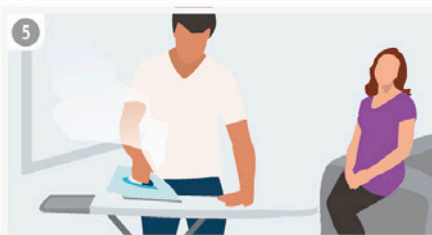
Sally's having her nails painted.  
Sally's painting her own nails.

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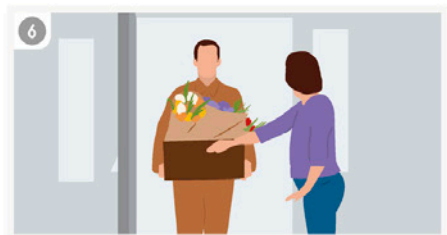
Natasha got her photograph taken.  
Natasha took a photograph.

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Gavin is getting his hair cut.  
Gavin is cutting his hair.

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Joe did the ironing at home.  
Joe had the ironing done at the mall.

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Annie is delivering some flowers.  
Annie had some flowers delivered.

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They're having their house painted.  
They're painting their own house.

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## 66.5 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

We're getting our furniture

- 1 I'm taking the car to
- 2 You should go to a salon
- 3 I don't want to cook. Should we
- 4 They've just had their staff
- 5 I'm going to have my computer
- 6 I took my daughter to the dentist
- 7 They bought a dog and had

and have your hair cut.

to get her teeth checked.

trained to deal with malware.

replaced at the moment.

checked for malware. It's so slow.

the garage to get it fixed.

a deluxe kennel built for him.

get a pizza delivered?



## 66.6 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

When are we going to get repaired the TV?

When are we going to get the TV repaired?



- 1 Remember, today we're have the bedroom carpets fitted.



- 2 Your coat is really filthy. It should get you dry-cleaned.



- 3 My eyes hurt when I read. I should had them tested soon.



- 4 My friend has his wallet stolen when he was in Barcelona.



- 5 I get to have my birth certificate translated into Spanish for my application.





## 66.7 RESPOND TO THE AUDIO, SPEAKING OUT LOUD USING "HAVE / GET"

Is that Maria over there in the salon?

Yes, she's getting her hair cut (she / her hair / cut).



1 Does Jacob clean the house himself?

No, \_\_\_\_\_ (he / it / clean) by someone else.



2 Why is Anneke putting on make-up?

The photographer's here. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / her picture / take).



3 Is your oven still broken?

Yes, but \_\_\_\_\_ (I / it / fix) on Monday.



4 Why is all your furniture covered?

The painter's coming. \_\_\_\_\_ (we / the house / paint).



5 Are you going to make dinner tonight?

No, \_\_\_\_\_ (I / a pizza / deliver).



6 Do you go to the dentist regularly?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ (I / my teeth / check) twice a year.



7 Do you go to the store for your newspaper?

No, \_\_\_\_\_ (we / it / deliver) to the house.



### 66 CHECKLIST

"Have / get something done" ☐

**Aa** Service and repairs ☐

Describing things people do for you ☐